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# Banned books curb choice

By Som Kandlur THE COLLEGIAN

-State Libraries, Sigma Tau Delta International - English Honor Society and the department of English collaborated to host Banned Books Week, a nationally recognized event that highlights the artistic value of books that people have sought to remove from libraries across the country.

"We'll talk about why they were challenged and why they're still important pieces of literature, and the idea of removing them is contrary to our First Amendment rights of free speech and expression," said Daniel Ireton, assistant professor and undergraduate and community service librarian at K-State Libraries.

In 2013, the Office of Intellectual Freedom, a branch of the American Libraries Association, recorded 307 attempts to ban books in public libraries across the U.S. Among those attempts were popular titles such as "The Hunger Games" series, the "Captain Underpants" series and "Perks of Being a Wallflower."

Banned Books Week seeks to highlight the value of banned books by shining a spotlight on them and appreciating their artistic value. Students, faculty and staff took to a podium in a "Free Speech Zone" from noon to 1 p.m. on Bosco Student Plaza, Monday to today, to read aloud excerpts from banned books.

The organizers will also host a panel titled "Banned Books: A Conversation About Censorship" from 4-5 p.m. today in the K-State Student Union's Little Theater. The panel will host representatives from libraries on the college, high school and community lev-

Banned Books Week ends with a movie screening of "The Hunger Games" at the Manhattan Public Library at 2 p.m. on Saturday. "The Hunger Games" was the fifth most challenged book in 2013 on the grounds of "religious viewpoints" that were "unsuited for age groups."

Susan Withee, adult services manager at the Manhattan Public



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**Naomi Wood**, professor of English, shows illustrations from Shel Silverstein's book of poems and drawings "Falling Up" during the banned book reading in Bosco Student Plaza on Wednesday morning.

Library, said that while the library does not keep statistics for complaints, attempts to remove books from the library are extremely rare in Manhattan. Withee said there was only one instance in 2014 where a book received opposition. Although she did not mention which book was challenged, she said it was on the grounds of it being "inappropriate for age groups." After a formal review, the decision was made to keep the book on library shelves.

Ireton said most people who ban books do so based their perception of the book without actually reading it. He said these people are generally parents who deem certain books as inappropriate for certain ages - mostly their children. This affects the community at large as these people take away the freedom of other parents to choose what they expose their children to.

"I'm a parent and there are some things that I wouldn't want my children to see or read, but I am making that decision for them (the children) and them alone," Ireton said. "I am not making that decision for all parents and all children everywhere."

Muriel Eaton, freshman in biochemistry, read J. D. Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye" Wednesday at the Free Speech Zone Event. The book ranks second on the list of most banned and challenged classics according to the American Libraries Association. The coming-of-age novel recounts the conversations and experiences of a teenager roaming around New York after being expelled from school.

Eaton, who attended Blue Valley North High School in Overland Park, said she had to sign a waiver before reading the book in high school as it dealt with strong language and adult themes.

"I think those books need to have those elements, because that's what gets the readers interested and that's how they develop their message and theme," Eaton

Faye O'Reilly, electronic resources access specialist at the K-State Libraries, read from "Looking for Alaska" by John Green on Wednesday, a book that O'Reilly said has been challenged in Tennessee, New York and New Jersey for strong language and sexual content. The book ranks seventh in the top 10 challenged books for 2013 according to the

"The book contains strong

language, use of cigarettes and things that teenagers do - like making out," O'Reilly said. "So a lot of parents think it's inappropriate for their children."

She said it was important for such themes to exist within young-adult literature, because it's something that age group can relate to.

"If you never see a fictional character going through the same kind of stuff you're going through, you're going to think you're weird and that you don't have a place," O'Reilly said.

While the book she read aloud from was not banned in Kansas, O'Reilly said it was important to be aware of the bigger picture when it comes to banning

"If you censor one thing in a different community, it means you can censor it in your own community," she said.

At its core, Banned Books Week is about speaking out against censorship of ideas. Ireton, who helped organize K-State's Banned Book Week events, said students need to be aware of the issues regarding censorship because it might be something they

have to face in the future. "The only good response to

## 'Big Red One' soldiers on road to Iraq

By Chloe Creager THE COLLEGIAN

The 1st Infantry Division was identified by the Department of Defense as the headquarter unit to deploy to the Central Command area of responsibility in Iraq, according to a Fort Riley press release. Nearly 500 soldiers from the division will deploy in October for a one-year mission.

Of the 500, approximately 200 troops will deploy to Baghdad and Irbil, Iraq. The soldiers will advise and assist the Iraqi security forces in their defense against ISIL, conduct intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance flights and increase the U.S.'s capacity to target ISIL and coordinate U.S. military, according to

The 1st Infantry Division soldiers will replace service members who have been stationed in Iraq since June.

## **Students** warned of possible phone scam

By Shelton Burch THE COLLEGIAN

The Kansas State University Police Department is warning the public to be aware of a possible scam affecting the area, according to a K-State press re-

In the scam, callers contact potential victims claiming to be officers calling to collect debts or money owed to the department.

The department will never call to collect money owed on past debts, according to the release.

A request for additional comment from the department was deferred until Friday morning.

## State, local talking points

By Kelsey Kendall THE COLLEGIAN

#### **College of Agriculture** announces administrative

changes According to K-State Today, Ernie Minton and Nina Lilja, two members of the College of Agriculture's leadership team, received new job titles that created a reorganization of the college's admin-

Minton has been named associate dean of research and graduate programs, as well as the associate director of research for K-State Research and Extension. His job will be to promote the development of research and graduate programs while working with the U.S.

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## Senators act as agents for change in policies, campaigns

By Bridget Beran THE COLLEGIAN

Introduction of the Academic Freedom Policy was a focus of the Student Governing Association meeting on Thursday. Sen. Stephen Kucera, senior in applied music, and English professor Elizabeth Dodd presented the newly developed policy.

The policy outlines and protects students and faculty from repercussions on social media postings related to controversial subjects.

"In December of 2013, the Kansas Board of Regents announced a very broad policy limited the electronic speech of university employees on any social media," Dodd said.

The policy was proposed to be added as an optional part of course syllabi. The policy was passed through K-State officials in July and included on some syllabi. Senators approved that the policy be added to the provost's webpage.

It was announced that SGA will host a voter registration drive next Monday until Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the K-State Student Union. The drive is to help mobilize the student body and help make students' voices heard, not only on a local and state level, but also a national level. There will also be a pre-election party at Eighteen63 in Aggieville next Tuesday for students to listen to Kansas political leaders.

SGA also decided to make the first move to start the dialogue on sexual assault and partake in the #ItsOnUs campaign from the White House. Students interested in being involved in action committee should contact

Abby Works, senior in chemistry. "Over 200 universities have signed up for (#ItsOnUs) and K-State is on that list as well," Kays said. "We want to push this conversation on our campus."

While each executive team enters the office with their own agenda, there are often inherited agendas from past presidents that the new team will see through to completion. The K-State Mobile app is one of those inherited projects. Student Body President Reagan Kays, senior in agribusiness, announced that \$75,000 has been secured from the Information Technology budget to fund

the development of the app.

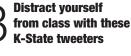
Writing and implementation of a more strict smoking policy is also in development. While the current policy states that there is to be no smoking within 30 feet of the entrance of a building, all present governing bodies were in support of a stricter policy. Last year, SGA collected a survey from the student body and found that the majority of students were in favor of more strict smoking



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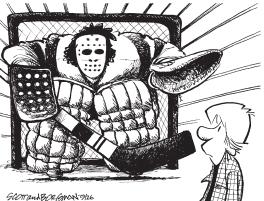
Due to a Collegian error in the Sept. 25 article about international student programs, it was incorrectly stated that the study abroad program sends over 500 international students overseas. The program offers mostly U.S. students a chance to study outside the

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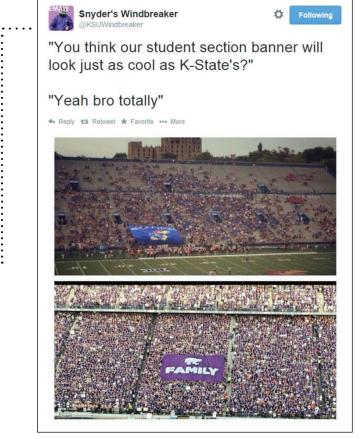
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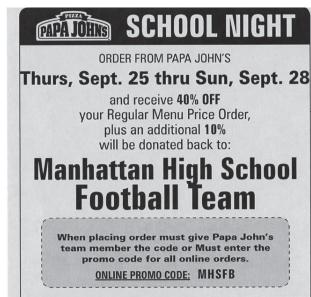






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## Kays and Kennedy provide progress on campaign platforms



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**Reagan Kays,** senior in agribusiness, and **Garrett Kennedy**, junior in elementary education and math, won the race for Student Government Association president and vice president last spring.

By Bridget Beran THE COLLEGIAN

When candidates run for student body president and vice president, they submit a set of goals that they pitch to the student body. For Reagan Kays, senior in agribusiness, and Cody Kennedy, senior in education, they had a list of three major goals that they set out to accomplish during their yearlong term.

Kays and Kennedy's platform: "Your Education, Your Passion, Your Life" focused one three separate goals. 'Your Education" was based on helping bring more effective and accessible tutoring to students. "Your Passion" centered around creating a more cohesive way for organizations across campus to do business. Finally, "Your Life" was the implementation of a medical amnesty policy across both campus and

A newly developed tutoring website, which provides information to students about tutoring as well as the tutoring form, is in the purpose of "Your Education" in its infancy. Built in-house by the K-State Information Technology Department, Kays and

Kennedy said they hope to see it further develop throughout the year, and perhaps even add an online homework help chat box – similar to the "Ask A Librarian" feature offered by Hale Library staff.

"We know it's doable from the technology stand point," Kays said. "I think some of our cabinet suggested that we take the tutors that are already doing tutoring and just add this to it to see if it's practical to start with, and then step it up to a bigger deal. But that's what student senate tuition enhancement funds are for: to try out a program, see if it works and then explode it."

The implementation of "Your Passion" was the first of the duo's platform efforts seen across K-State. When students log in to their online databases, like K-State Online and Outlook, they now will also see a link to OrgSync. With over 400 campus organizations now registered with OrgSync, the online meeting place for clubs and organizations has already begun to take off.

'We want to make sure that these groups are actively using OrgSync, not just registered," said Joey Wenberg, senior in mass communications and executive initiatives director. "We want them to be able to use it for their

listservs and forms and documents and everything like that."

While learning the new system is a process for students, Kays and Kennedy have arranged with OrgSync professionals to help train students so that they can get the most out of the program during OrgSync Week, Oct. 14-16. Student Organization Outreach co-directors Lizzi Petite, senior in management, and Sarah Truman, senior in biology, are in the process of forming OrgSync Advocates, a group of students who are well-versed in the program to help lead tutorials and teach students how to effectively use OrgSync.

One beauty of the implementation and developments for OrgSync is that funding was already in place from the privilege fee allocation, according to Wenberg. The executive cabinet has worked to ensure that new developments will be achieved at little to no cost to students.

"We're working on making howto videos so if you can't make it to a training session during the week, you'd be able to access these videos online somewhere," Kennedy said.

'Your Life," the most challenging part of Kays and Kennedy's platform's to put in to action, has also seen great

progress. With the likes of the Riley County Police Department and President Kirk Schulz on board with the plan, Kays said he anticipates seeing the implementation of a medical amnesty policy by the end of the year. The policy would protect underage students who consumed alcohol from legal prosecution if they are seeking medical help whether it be for themselves or for a fellow underage student.

"At some point this semester, hopefully in the next few weeks, we'll put forward a resolution to the senate to make sure all the senators in SGA are on board," Wenberg said. "We need to get it in the campus 'Student Handbook,' which is every policy that K-State has on everything.'

As for the next step in the in the policy, Kays and Kennedy are currently working with executive members from the other five regent schools to institute the policy statewide. While Kennedy said it will lead to a lot of lobbying in Topeka, they believe it is what's best for the students of Kansas.

"It will be coming from all six regent institutions, which will be really helpful because that'll gain more traction and have a little bit more weight in the state house," Kennedy said.

# Governor race focuses on education



Governor Sam Brownback

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Last Friday, the candidates for governor faced off in a debate in Johnson County, Kansas. This debate continued the focus on education, a conversation that began during the first public debate between Gov. Sam Brownback and challenger Paul Davis at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson ear-

By Adam McKinney

THE COLLEGIAN

lier this month. Brownback implemented a series of economic policies that significantly cut taxes and spending in Kansas. However, these cuts have drawn sharp criticism from opponents like Davis, who has repeatedly condemned Brownback's tax

"Brownback has conducted an economic experiment on Kansas and overwhelmingevidence ly shows that experiment failed," Chris Pumpelly, Davis' campaign press secretary, said. "Paul Davis's first priority is restoring the cuts that Brownback has made to education."

John Milburn, communications director for Brownback's reelection campaign, has a different perspective on the issue.

'Brownback has increased funding by approximately \$50 million over the last four years," Milburn

In 2012, Brownback launched the Career Technical Education initiative that Milburn describes as being "tremendously successful." Milburn also said that in the last four years, technical education enrollment has risen 236 percent. According to Milburn, Brownback

has made "strategic investments" important to the Kansas economy, including investments in the K-State College of Engineering, College of Architecture, and the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility.

However, associate professor of biology and president of the K-State Faculty Senate, David Rintoul, said that selectively targeting these specific programs is problematic because students enrolled in these colleges must take classes from other colleges that are not supported. Also, students in other colleges do not benefit from the support.



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K-State takes any allegation of sexual violence very seriously. Our policy prohibiting discrimination, harassment, sexual violence and stalking (which can be found on K-State's Internal Audit Office website) encourages all members of the K-State community to report allegations of sexual violence and allows the university to provide remedies and impose sanctions in those situations.

All of us are committed to working together to combat the issue of sexual assault and provide needed support. Our university offers several support resources for sexual assault victims:

- The K-State Center for Advocacy Response and Education offers confidential advocacy and support services to any member of the K-State community who has experienced sexual assault, dating violence, stalking or harassment. The CARE office is a safe place for survivors to explore their options, receive support from trained advocates and obtain referrals to other resources campus and community resources. Contact the office at 785-532-6444 or k-state.edu/care.
- · K-State counseling services and the K-State Family Center offer confidential therapeutic support. Contact K-State counseling services at 785-532-6927 or k-state.edu/ counseling; and the K-State Family Center at 785-532-6974 or he.k-state.edu/familycenter.
- We are beginning a monthly community dialogue about sexual violence, called Shatter the Silence Lunch Hour. The first event is scheduled for noon on Monday, Oct. 6, in the CARE office (206 Holton Hall). The lunch hour will provide a safe and affirming place for any community member who would like to be part of the conversations happening about sexual violence on college campuses.

We want our students to have a positive educational experience while they are here, and we are fully committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for all. If we can do anything to improve the K-State experience, please don't hesitate to let us know. Our contact information is listed below.

Sincerely,

Pat Bosco, vice president for student life and dean of students, bosco@k-state.edu

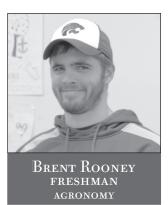
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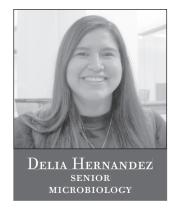
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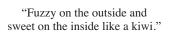


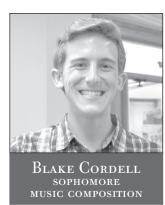
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# Wildcats square off with Bears in Big 12 opener



KANDACE GRIFFIN | THE COLLEGIAN Sophomore outside hitter Brooke Sassin tips the ball over the net during the South Dakota State game on Sept. 16 at Ahearn Field

By Timothy Everson THE COLLEGIAN

ig 12 play has finally arrived for the 13-1 K-State volleyball team as they take on the Baylor Bears Saturday night in Ahearn.

The Wildcats are coming off of a stellar nonconference stint, complete with seven sweeps in the 14 total matches and a winning streak of 11-straight matches. K-State is also riding a separate home winning streak of nine matches stretching back to last season.

The Wildcats also continue to steadily move up in the polls, receiving 43 votes in the AVCA poll which is good enough to be ranked 27th in the nation.

"I'm so excited," redshirt middle blocker Katie Reininger said. "It will be good to see (Baylor) again. I think we can step up from last year and do a really good job. All of us

are excited, especially for our first home (conference) game."

Last year, K-State entered conference play in a similar fashion with a 12-1 record and ended up only winning six more matches the rest of the season.

"This year, we have great team chemistry," Reininger said. "(Head coach Suzie Fritz) said it a lot, we're very resilient, we will fight to the end. If we're taking it to set fifth, we're going to win that fifth set." The coaching staff notes pro-

gression with the extremely young K-State team who, for several of the youngest Wildcats and transfer Wildcats, will be facing in conference competition for the first time. "I think the positive thing is the

hard to effect change in, we have seen significant progress," Fritz And the progress has shown so far in these Wildcats. They are being

led offensively by freshman break-

out outside hitter Kylee Zumach.

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who is fourth among Big 12 players in kills per set and third in total kills.

Zumach will look to garner her fourth straight Big 12 rookie of the week award with her performance at Baylor.

Redshirt sophomore setter Katie Brand leads the conference in assist per set with 11.42 and trails Baylor's junior setter Amy Rosenbaum by one assist for the number one spot for total assist.

Baylor comes in Manhattan riding a three-game losing streak after dropping all three of their matches at the Roadrunner Classic in San Antonio. The Bears are 9-5 on the year so far and even with their struggles, the K-State coaches still are uncomfortable with Saturday's match.

'You're never comfortable," Fritz said. "You shouldn't be. Going into Big 12 play, there should be some level of trepidation. Not nervousness, but a little bit of going into the unexpected and knowing that we have to raise our expectations and that our level of play has

K-State is 25-12 all time against the Bears, including a three-match home win streak for the Bears that stretches back to 2010.

The Bears head coach is Jim Barnes, who is in his 10th year at

The Bears are a talented offensive team with two players in the top 10 in kills in the Big 12 and two different players in the top 10 in hitting percentages.

Junior outside hitter Andie Malloy is one of the top offensive players in the conference, leading her team and ranking second in the Big 12 in both total kills and points with 211 kills and 229.5 points.

Sophomore middle block Tola Itiola is one of the leading defense players in the conference, leading her team and ranking 10th in the Big 12 with 1.05 blocks per set and 41 total blocks

First serve for the tilt between the Bears and Wildcats is Saturday

## K-State sweeps New Mexico State in second equestrian match-up

By Bridget Hoover THE COLLEGIAN

K-State equestrian's senior captain Savannah Smith, along with sophomores Henley Adkins and Sydney Anson, each took home most outstanding performer awards against New Mexico State Thursday.

Along with their awards, the Wildcats captured a big win over NMSU with a final score of 14-5, carrying on the second win of the season.

Smith said she felt she received her honors in the competition because she made it a priority to work with her horse and be consistent.

"(The horses) get nervous

just like we do, so it's important to stay on the same page and have a bond when you're going out," Smith said.

Smith said she was proud of her teammates who competed in equitation on the flat, as she felt they all featured outstanding performances for the day. Senior captain Madison Wayda and sophomore Henley Adkins received the highest scores for the competition overall, Adkins with a 94 and Wayda sporting a 92. The highest score participants can receive in the Hunt Seat side of competition is 100.

'A 94 and a 92 are huge numbers to mark, so I was really proud of them for coming out and doing well," Smith said.

Wayda showed high scores

in both sides of the Hunt Seat competition with a score of 84 in equitation over fences and a 92 in equitation on the flat. Wayda said she was proud of the team for being supportive of one another during Thursday's match.

'We had some girls competing for the first time in the ring and they knocked it out of the park," Wayda said. "Seeing everyone come together has been

Wayda said she felt that hours of practicing no-stirrup work contributed to her and the team's overall performance Thursday.

Anson said that she was excited about her performance, as it was only her second time showing varsity. Anson received

her award in the horsemanship

Adkins received the highest score overall on Thursday with a 94 in equitation on the flat, alongside several other teammates who scored in the eighties. Adkins not only left with the accomplishment of her high score but a most outstanding performer award as well.

"It was incredible," Adkins said. "All the way through the pattern I was just thinking, 'Take one thing at a time and really try to push it as hard as you can.' Finally hearing the score was amazing.

Adkins said that she was most proud of teammate Gretchen Koenen, a sophomore in equitation on the flat, because it was her first competition and she pulled a score of 86. Adkins said that was a strong performance for a first time competitor.

Head coach Casie Maxwell said she felt Thursday's competition was very good; the girls worked well with one another and had a lot of confidence. However, that doesn't mean their work is done.

"I think we made more mistakes this week than we did last week, so definitely our goal is to clean that up," Maxwell said.

Today's competition will begin at 9 a.m. against South Dakota State. The last time the Wildcats faced the Jackrabbits was in February and resulted in a win of 10-9.

Fans of Western competi-

tion will see seniors Kelsey Sousa and Savannah Smith along with juniors Danielle Kemper, Kara Guy and Nicholle Hatton for the upperclassmen.

A large group of underclassmen will also be competing in Western today including: sophomores Anson, Alyssa Lombardi and Kelsey Karanges. Two freshmen, Brynn Critcher and Heidi Schmitz, will get their third chance in the arena.

For the Hunt Seat side of competition, fans can expect to see lone senior Wayda along with sophomores Adkins, Alexis Graves, Taylor Schmidt, Gretchen Koenen and Christina Martinelli. Lone freshman Molly Dunn will get her second chance at competing today.

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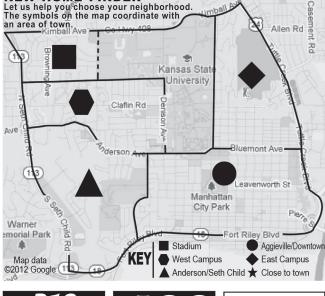
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# BRIEFS | Grasslands are disappearing, arrest made in Topeka murder

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Department of Agriculture/ National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Lilja's new position in the College of Agriculture is associate dean of international programs. This means that she will be leading in finding extramural funding for international research programs and the development of more science-based international research opportunities.

#### K-State water research for tree threat in grasslands

Allison Veach, doctoral student in biology; Walter Dodds, distinguished professor of biology; and Adam Skibbe, geographic information system administrator at the University of Iowa, are studying the grassland streams and new woody vegetation.

Veach said to the Little Apple Post that the grasslands in North America are disappearing into new forest ecosystems, which is a problem because grassland is "almost nonexistent on the globe."

Dodds said that he has been studying streams and watersheds through hydrology and biogeochemistry, both of which can be used as evidence of the decreasing grassland area, on the Konza prairie (an 8,600-acre tall grass prairie) for over 20 years. According to Dodds, this change can affect cattle production with less grazing areas available.

The team's latest research involved examining the changes in aerial photographs of the grasslands that show expansion of trees and shrubbery around streams. Their research shows that burn intervals of one to two years can decrease the expansion of woody vegetation.

Funding for Veach's and Dodd's research came from the National Science Foundation's Konza Prairie Long-Term Ecological Research program and the Kansas Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, according to the Post.

#### Naked, bloody man arrested in Topeka for murder

Police responded to a report of a naked man, later identified as Trevor William Adkins, 23 of Topeka, running down the street yelling and covered with blood on Wednesday.

According to the Topeka Capital-Journal, Adkins was apprehended after being tased. After this, police found a woman's body laying on a porch nearby. The woman was identified as Lacie Atchinson, 22 of Topeka, and her 15-month-old daughter was taken into protective cus-

Shannon Shively, 46, lives next door to where Atchinson's body was found and told the Topeka Capital-Journal that Adkins and Atchinson had moved to their house about a month ago. Though she had seen them walking around, she had never met them.

Portions of the S.E. 34th block, where the incident occurred, have been blocked off for the investigation.







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